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March 16, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPOINTMENT AND SALARY FOR ASSESSOR (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This letter recommends the appointment of Robert Quon to serve as Assessor for the County of Los Angeles, and recommends an annual salary.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the appointment of Robert Quon to the position of Assessor (Unclassified) at an annual salary of \$187,526, effective April 1, 2010, and through such time as the current elected Assessor's term expires which is Monday, December 6, 2010.
2. Instruct the Acting Director of Personnel to execute an at-will employment contract which is approved as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to appoint an Assessor for the County of Los Angeles for the unexpired term of the current elected Assessor, Rick Auerbach, who is retiring from County service on March 31, 2010. This appointment should remain in effect until the term expires, which is the first Monday in December (December 6, 2010) following the June 8, 2010 election.

Mr. Quon is qualified for this position due to his thirty-eight years of experience in the Assessor's office, working his way up to his current position as Assistant Assessor, the number two position in the department. He has responsibility for all assessment operations and support functions, including its budget, human resources, and information technology sections. Mr. Quon has rotated through many assignments within the department including working in and managing those sections responsible for valuing high valued and complex commercial-industrial properties such as high-rise buildings, shopping malls, aerospace plants, airports, harbors,

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refineries, and oil-producing properties. He has also participated in and managed those divisions that develop appraisal standards and procedures, assessment appeals, training, research and development, and exemptions. Most recently, Mr. Quon headed the department's successful effort to automate the valuation of the County's single family homes in an entirely paperless (electronic) format. He is an active participant on various committees of the California Assessors' Association and has held multiple offices within the local chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This appointment is in conformance with the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan's Operational Effectiveness Goal to maximize the effectiveness of processes, structure and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended salary is the same salary as the current Assessor and will be paid from existing funds in the Office of the Assessor's budget and is consistent with salaries for County department heads with similar level duties.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended salary will provide appropriate compensation to Mr. Quon to perform the duties of the Assessor, County of Los Angeles.

County Charter, Section 16, states that whenever a vacancy occurs in an elective County office other than a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Board shall fill such vacancy, and the appointee shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor. In such case, there shall be elected at the next general election an officer to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term, unless such term expires on the first Monday in December succeeding said election.

IMPACT OF CURRENT SERVICES

Implementation of this recommendation will provide leadership for the Office of the Assessor.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Human Resources